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WELLINGTON PASS TO US DEL TO ECONOMIC TALKS

FOLLOWING PORTION OF STATE OF UNION MESSAGE IS TRANSMITTED
FOR USE OF US DEL IN DISCUSSION ON MULTILATERAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS: QUOTE

INTERNATIONAL TRADE BARRIERS

A VIGOROUS INTERNATIONAL TRADE IS VITAL TO THE
AMERICAN ECONOMY. JOBS FOR AMERICAN WORKERS DEPEND ON OUR
ABILITY TO DEVELOP FOREIGN MARKETS. MOREOVER, AMERICAN
CONSUMERS DESERVE ACCESS TO FOREIGN-MADE PRODUCTS THAT
MIGHT BE LESS EXPENSIVE, OR MORE INTERESTING, OR UNAVAIL-
ABLE IN THE UNITED STATES. BUT IF TRADE IS TO BE ADVANTA-
GEOUS OVER THE LONG RUN, IT MUST BE CONDUCTED ON A BASIS
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WHICH IS FAIR TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.

THERE ARE STILL MANY UNNECESSARY BARRIERS TO TRADE WHICH NEED TO BE LOWERED OR REMOVED. WHILE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN THIS SITUATION DURING THE LAST 10 YEARS, WE NEED NOW TO BUILD ON THIS PROGRESS AND TO NEGOTIATE FOR MORE OPEN ACCESS BOTH TO MARKETS AND SUPPLIES. THIS IS WHY I CALL UPON THE CONGRESS WITH SPECIAL URGENCY TO

COMPLETE ACTION ON MY PROPOSED TRADE REFORM ACT, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE AUTHORITY WE WILL NEED TO NEGOTIATE EFFECTIVELY FOR REDUCTIONS IN BARRIERS TO TRADE, TO IMPROVE THE TRADING SYSTEM, AND TO MANAGE TRADE PROBLEMS AT HOME MORE EFFECTIVELY.

AS THE SENATE CONSIDERS THIS LEGISLATION, I WOULD DRAW ITS ATTENTION PARTICULARLY TO PROVISIONS ADDED IN THE HOUSE WHICH WOULD SERIOUSLY IMPEDE OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE MORE HARMONIOUS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS. THESE PROVISIONS WOULD EFFECTIVELY PREVENT BOTH THE EXTENSION OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY TARIFF TREATMENT AND OF CREDITS TO

CERTAIN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES UNLESS THEY FOLLOWED A POLICY WHICH ALLOWED UNRESTRICTED EMIGRATION. I AM CONVINCED THAT SUCH A PROHIBITION WOULD ONLY MAKE MORE DIFFICULT THE KIND OF COOPERATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHICH IS NECESSARY IF WE ARE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. I AM CONFIDENT THAT BY WORKING WITH THE CONGRESS WE CAN FIND A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM THAT WILL AVOID A MAJOR SETBACK IN OUR PEACEMAKING EFFORTS.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST MOVE FORWARD WITH CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS TO REFORM THE INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS SYSTEM UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND. THESE NEGOTIATIONS ARE DESIGNED TO INCREASE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL NATIONS TO TRADE AND INVEST PROFITABLY. THE U.S. HAS ALREADY PRESENTED PROPOSALS FOR DETERRING THE GROWTH OF SIGNIFICANT IMBALANCES IN INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AFFAIRS WHILE PRESERVING FOR EACH NATION A WIDE FREEDOM IN CHOOSING HOW NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS CAN BEST BE ACCOM-

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PLISHED. IN ADDITION, THE SYSTEM WILL ALSO HAVE TO ACCOMMODATE THE INCREASED PAYMENTS FLOW AND PROSPECTIVE RESERVE ACCUMULATIONS OCCASIONED BY HIGHER OIL PRICES. IF, HOWEVER, OTHER NATIONS SHARE WITH US THE WILL TO PRESERVE A HEALTHY AND GROWING WORLD ECONOMY, I AM CONFIDENT THAT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM WILL BE ACHIEVED. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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